



2007 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT  
of the  
DELAWARE JUDICIARY

SUPREME COURT  
State of Delaware

2007 Annual Report Statistical Information

## SUPREME COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	339	340	1	0.3%
Civil Appeals	289	264	-25	-8.7%
Certifications	1	0	-	-
Original Applications	38	41	3	7.9%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	17	15	-2	-11.8%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	1	1	0	0.0%
Un. Prac. Law	0	1	-	-
Advisory Opinions	1	0	-	-
Other	2	4	2	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>-22</b>	<b>- 3.2%</b>

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	321	338	17	5.3%
Civil Appeals	275	267	-8	-2.9%
Certifications	1	0	-	-
Original Applications	39	39	0	0.0%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	17	17	0	0.0%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	2	-	-
Un. Prac. Law	0	1	-	-
Advisory Opinions	0	1	-	-
Other	2	3	1	50.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>655</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2.0%</b>

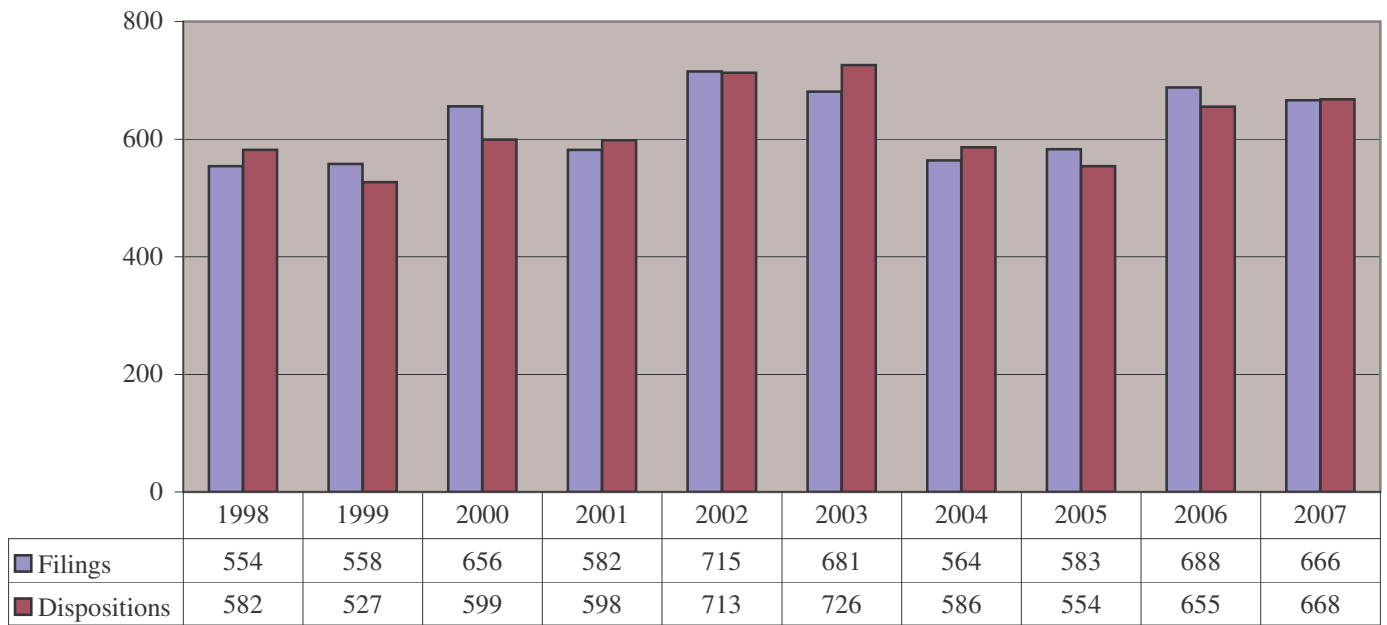
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Source: Court Administrator and Clerk of the Supreme Court, Administrative Office of the Courts

### Supreme Court 10 Year Total Caseload Trend



**Fiscal Year**

## SUPREME COURT

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Filings										
	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	-		340	100.0%	-		-		340	100%
Civil Appeals	43	16.3%	150	56.8%	71	26.9%	-		264	100%
Original Applications*	-		-		-		62	100.0%	62	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>73.6%</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>10.7%</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>100%</b>

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Dispositions										
	Court of Chancery		Superior Court		Family Court		Non-Court Originated		Total	
Criminal Appeals	-		338	100.0%	-		-		338	100%
Civil Appeals	49	18.4%	145	54.3%	73	27.3%	-		267	100%
Original Applications*	-		-		-		63	100.0%	63	100%
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>7.3%</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>72.3%</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Original Applications include Certifications, Bd. On Prof. Resp., Bd. Of Bar Exam., Un. Prac. Law, Advisory Opinions, and Other.

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Source: Court Administrator and Clerk of the Supreme Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Appeals																		
	Affirmed		Affirmed Part/ Reversed Part		Reversed		Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Leave to Appeal Denied		Other		Total	
Criminal Appeals	245	72.5%	0	0.0%	10	3.0%	4	1.2%	27	8.0%	49	14.5%	0	0.0%	3	0.9%	338	100.0%
Civil Appeals	128	38.8%	9	2.7%	19	5.8%	3	0.9%	51	15.5%	85	25.8%	13	3.9%	22	6.7%	330	100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>55.8%</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>20.1%</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Methods of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007												
	Assigned Opinion		Per Curiam Opinion		Written Order		Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total	
Criminal Appeals	34	10.1%	0		277	82.0%	27	8.0%	0		338	100%
Civil Appeals	43	16.1%	0		177	66.3%	47	17.6%	0		267	100%
Certifications	0		0		0		0		0		0	
Original Applications	1	2.6%	0		36	92.3%	2	5.1%	0		39	100%
Bd. on Prof. Resp.	0		6	35.3%	10	58.8%	1	5.9%	0		17	100%
Bd. of Bar Exam.	0	0.0%	0		1	50.0%	1	50.0%	0		2	100%
Un. Prac. Law	0		0		1	100.0%	0		0		1	100%
Advisory Opinions	1	100.0%	0		0		0		0		1	100%
Other	0		0		3	100.0%	0		0		3	100%
Total	79	11.8%	6	0.9%	505	75.6%	78	11.7%	0	0.0%	668	100%

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Source: Court Administrator and Clerk of the Supreme Clerk; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2007 - Average Elapsed Time to Disposition			
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Criminal Appeals	338	202.8 days	43.8 days
Civil Appeals	267	182.9 days	30.0 days
Certifications	0	-	-
Original Applications	39	59.8 days	37.3 days
BPR&BBE	19	141.1 days	34.4 days
Un. Prac. Law	1	77.0 days	12.0 days
Advisory Opinions	1	56.0 days	10.0 days
Other	3	45.3 days	23.7 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>183.8 days</b>	<b>37.8 days</b>

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Average Time From Filing to Disposition				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Criminal Appeals	200.7 days	202.8 days	2.1 days	1.0%
Civil Appeals	168.0 days	182.9 days	14.9 days	8.9%
Certifications	13.0 days	-	-	-
Original Applications	68.3 days	59.8 days	-8.5 days	-12.5%
BPR&BBE	44.1 days	141.1 days	97.0 days	220.1%
Un. Prac. Law	-	77.0 days	-	-
Advisory Opinions	-	56.0 days	-	-
Other	44.5 days	45.3 days	0.8 days	1.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>175.3 days</b>	<b>183.8 days</b>	<b>8.5 days</b>	<b>4.8%</b>

\*Average time from date submitted for judicial decision to actual date of disposition. The time for a case that is submitted and disposed in the same day is zero. Not all Supreme Court cases require a judicial decision.

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Un. Prac. Law = Unauthorized Practice of Law

Source: Court Administrator and Clerk of the Supreme Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## SUPREME COURT

Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Type			
Type of Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Affirmed	373	221.3 days	46.6 days
Affirmed Part/Reversed Part	9	219.7 days	47.4 days
Reversed	29	310.5 days	69.0 days
Remanded	7	346.9 days	34.1 days
Voluntary Dismissal	78	110.9 days	0.0 days
Court Dismissal	134	106.0 days	31.3 days
Leave to Appeal Denied	13	28.5 days	16.2 days
Other	25	144.0 days	30.6 days
<b>Total</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>183.8 days</b>	<b>37.8 days</b>

Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Elapsed Time by Disposition Method			
Method of Disposition	Number of Dispositions	Average Time From Filing to Disposition	Average Time From Submission to Disposition*
Assigned Opinion	79	308.6 days	61.7 days
Per Curium Opinion	6	120.0 days	48.7 days
Written Order	505	176.3 days	39.7 days
Voluntary Dismissal	78	110.9 days	0.00 days
Other	0	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>183.8 days</b>	<b>37.8 days</b>

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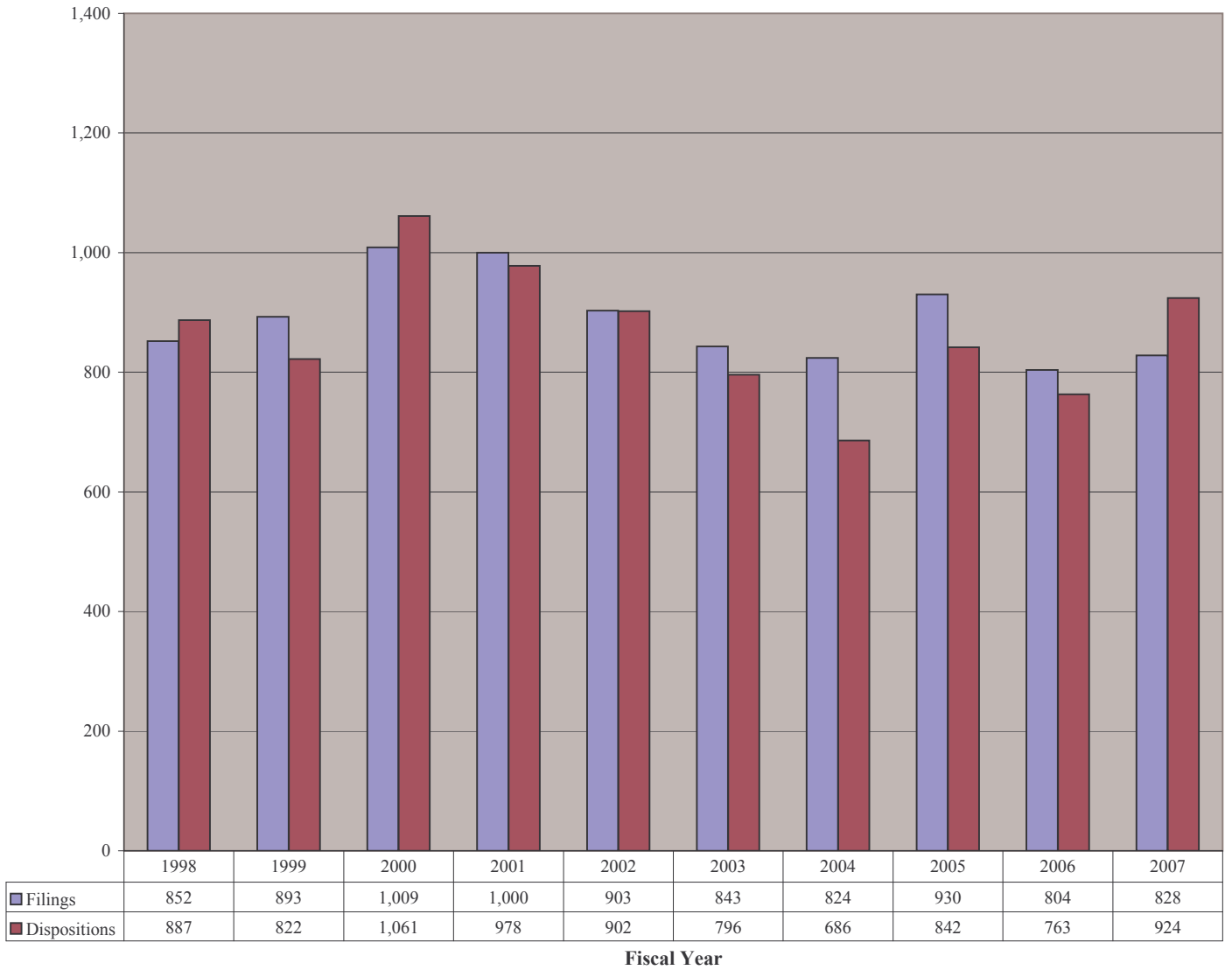
## COURT OF CHANCERY

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Statewide	804	828	24	3.0%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Statewide	763	924	161	21.1%

Source: Registers in Chancery; Administrative Office of the Courts

### Court of Chancery 10-Year Civil Caseload Trend



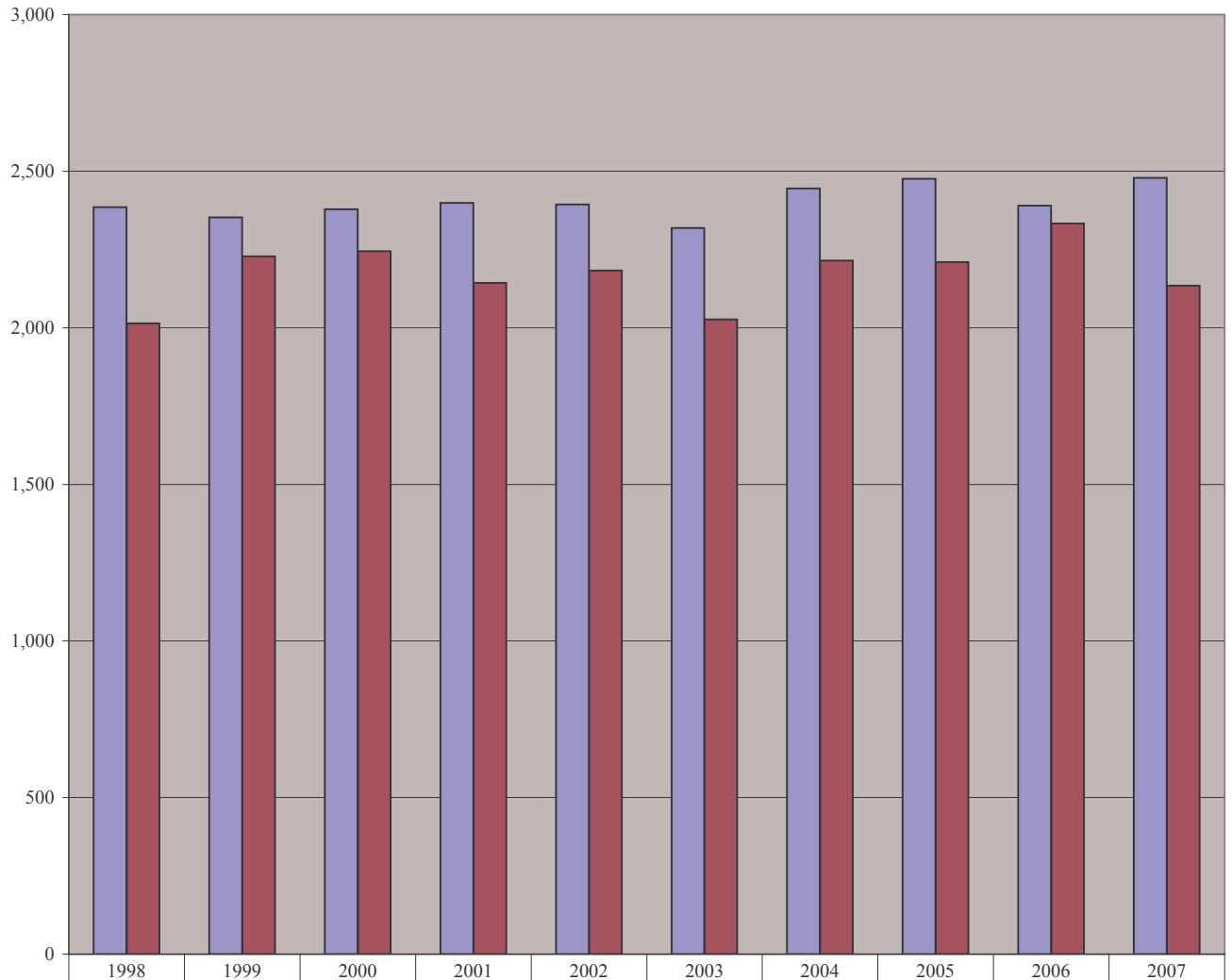
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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Estates Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Statewide	2,390	2,479	89	3.7%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Estates Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Statewide	2,333	2,135	-198	-8.5%

Source: Registers of Wills; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Court of Chancery 10-Year Estates Caseload Trend**



	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Filings	2,385	2,352	2,378	2,399	2,394	2,319	2,445	2,476	2,390	2,479
Dispositions	2,014	2,228	2,244	2,143	2,183	2,027	2,215	2,210	2,333	2,135

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Caseload Summary Fiscal Years 2006-2007- Miscellaneous Matters Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Statewide	863	835	-28	-3.2%

Caseload Summary Fiscal Years 2006-2007- Miscellaneous Matters Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Statewide	1,104	508	-596	-54.0%

\* The number of 2006 dispositions reflects a one time file maintenance initiative

Source: Registers in Chancery; Administrative Office of the Courts

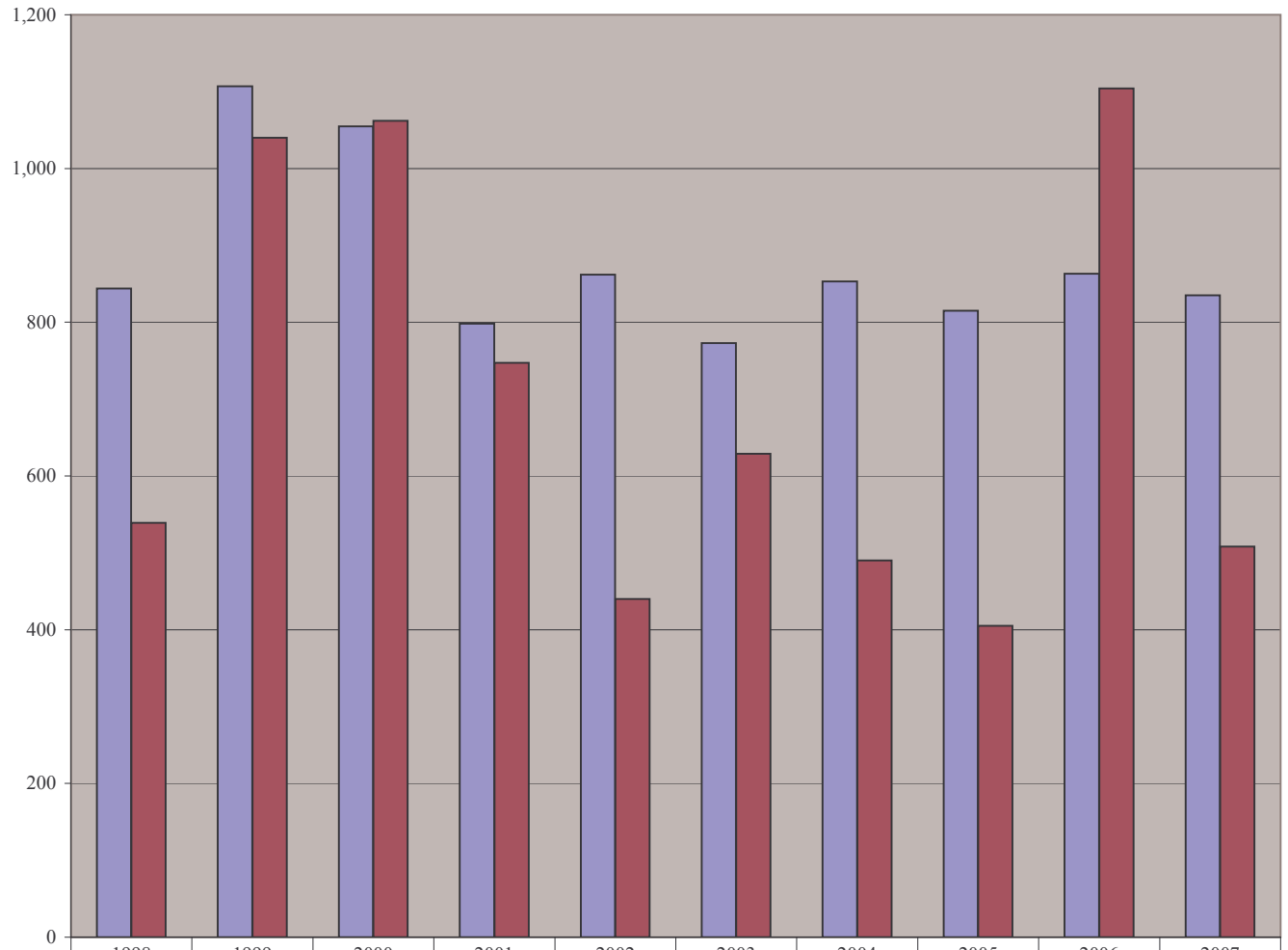
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Caseload Breakdown Fiscal Year 2007 - Miscellaneous Matters Filings									
	Guardians for Minors		Guardians for Infirm		Trusts		Other Matters		Totals
Statewide	326	39.0%	257	30.8%	31	3.7%	221	26.5%	835 100.0%

Caseload Breakdown Fiscal Year 2007 - Miscellaneous Matters Dispositions									
	Guardians for Minors		Guardians for Infirm		Trusts		Other Matters		Totals
Statewide	244	48.0%	145	28.5%	50	9.8%	69	13.6%	508 100.0%

Source: Registers in Chancery; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Court of Chancery 10-Year Miscellaneous Caseload Trend**



Filings	844	1,107	1,055	798	862	773	853	815	863	835
Dispositions	539	1,040	1,062	747	440	629	490	405	1,104	508

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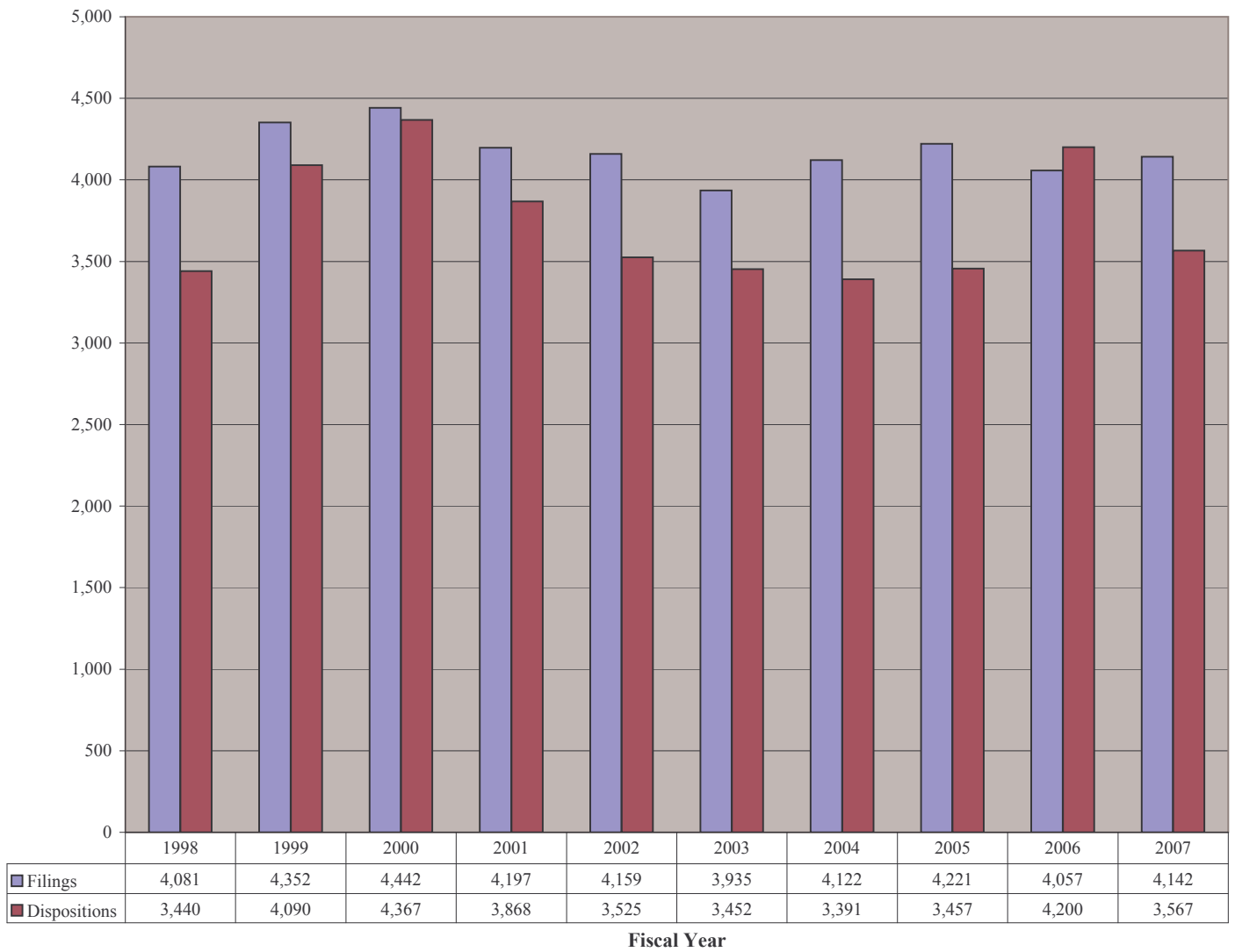
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Statewide	4,057	4,142	85	2.1%

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Statewide	4,200	3,567	-633	-15.1%

\* Includes Civil, Miscellaneous, and Estates

Source: Registers in Chancery; Registers of Wills; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Court of Chancery 10-Year Total Caseload Trend (Civil, Miscellaneous, & Estates)**



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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	8,482	9,823	1341	15.8%
Kent County	1,347	1,633	286	21.2%
Sussex County	1,212	1,413	201	16.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>11,041</b>	<b>12,869</b>	<b>1828</b>	<b>16.6%</b>

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	8,047	9,646	1599	19.9%
Kent County	1,272	1,363	91	7.2%
Sussex County	1,246	1,299	53	4.3%
<b>State</b>	<b>10,565</b>	<b>12,308</b>	<b>1743</b>	<b>16.5%</b>

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Case Filings											
	Mechanic's Liens				Involuntary						
	Complaints		and Mortgages		Appeals		Commitments		Miscellaneous		Total
New Castle County	4,254	43.3%	2,034	20.7%	115	1.2%	1,195	12.2%	2,225	22.7%	9,823
Kent County	582	35.6%	504	30.9%	58	3.6%	116	7.1%	373	22.8%	1,633
Sussex County	377	26.7%	568	40.2%	38	2.7%	0	0.0%	430	30.4%	1,413
<b>State</b>	<b>5,213</b>	<b>40.5%</b>	<b>3,106</b>	<b>24.1%</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1,311</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>3,028</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>12,869</b>

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Case Dispositions											
	Mechanic's Liens				Involuntary						
	Complaints		and Mortgages		Appeals		Commitments		Miscellaneous		Total
New Castle County	4,681	48.5%	1,744	18.1%	119	1.2%	1,049	10.9%	2,053	21.3%	9,646
Kent County	580	42.6%	347	25.5%	50	3.7%	94	6.9%	292	21.4%	1,363
Sussex County	397	30.6%	472	36.3%	31	2.4%	4	0.3%	395	30.4%	1,299
<b>State</b>	<b>5,658</b>	<b>46.0%</b>	<b>2,563</b>	<b>20.8%</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>2,740</b>	<b>22.3%</b>	<b>12,308</b>

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Complaints																		
Trial Dispositions					Non-Trial Dispositions													
Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant			Default Judgment for Plaintiff *		Other Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant *		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Other		Total	
New Castle County	40	0.9%	27	0.6%	114	2.4%	4	0.1%	3	0.1%	2,042	43.6%	1,887	40.3%	564	12.0%	4,681	
Kent County	7	1.2%	5	0.9%	17	2.9%	16	2.8%	0	0.0%	440	75.9%	50	8.6%	45	7.8%	580	
Sussex County	13	3.3%	7	1.8%	27	6.8%	18	4.5%	0	0.0%	239	60.2%	43	10.8%	50	12.6%	397	
State	60	1.1%	39	0.7%	158	2.8%	38	0.7%	3	0.1%	2,721	48.1%	1,980	35.0%	659	11.6%	5,658	

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages																		
Trial Dispositions					Non-Trial Dispositions													
Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant			Default Judgment for Plaintiff		Other Judgment for Plaintiff		Judgment for Defendant		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Other		Total	
New Castle County	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	931	53.4%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	617	35.4%	177	10.1%	18	1.0%	1,744	
Kent County	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	213	61.4%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	122	35.2%	12	3.5%	0	0.0%	347	
Sussex County	2	0.4%	1	0.2%	266	56.4%	4	0.8%	0	0.0%	169	35.8%	20	4.2%	10	2.1%	472	
State	2	0.1%	1	0.0%	1,410	55.0%	5	0.2%	0	0.0%	908	35.4%	209	8.2%	28	1.1%	2,563	

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Appeals																
		Affirmed		Reversed		Remanded		Voluntary Dismissal		Court Dismissal		Other		Total		
New Castle County	40	33.6%	6	5.0%	12	10.1%	23	19.3%	36	30.3%	2	1.7%	119			
Kent County	27	54.0%	2	4.0%	2	4.0%	5	10.0%	13	26.0%	1	2.0%	50			
Sussex County	9	29.0%	4	12.9%	0	0.0%	9	29.0%	7	22.6%	2	6.5%	31			
State	76	38.0%	12	6.0%	14	7.0%	37	18.5%	56	28.0%	5	2.5%	200			

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Trial Activity Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Trials						
	Number of Jury Trials	Number of Non-Jury Trials	Number of Special Jury Trials	Total Number of Trials	Trial Time*	Average Trial Time
New Castle County	89	18	0	107	353 days	3.30 days
Kent County	12	0	0	12	49 days	4.08 days
Sussex County	11	17	0	28	43.5 days	1.55 days
<b>State</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>445.5 days</b>	<b>3.03 days</b>

Calendar Activity Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Cases										
	Cases Tried		Cases Settled or Dismissed		Cases Continued for Settlement		Cases Continued Due to Lack of Judge		Cases Continued at Request of Attorney	Total Cases Scheduled
New Castle County	107	10.2%	706	67.0%	41	3.9%	5	0.5%	195	18.5%
Kent County	12	3.8%	190	60.1%	15	4.7%	6	1.9%	93	29.4%
Sussex County	28	9.5%	203	68.6%	0	0.0%	1	0.3%	64	21.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>1099</b>	<b>66.0%</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>21.1%</b>

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Cases							
COMPLAINTS		MECHANIC'S LIENS AND MORTGAGES				APPEALS	
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition		Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition		Average Time from Filing to Disposition
New Castle County	4,681	1576.2 days		1,744	160.8 days		266.6 days
Kent County	580	398.0 days		347	164.5 days		255.7 days
Sussex County	397	328.9 days		472	134.9 days		240.7 days
<b>State</b>	<b>5,658</b>	<b>1367.9 days</b>		<b>2,563</b>	<b>156.5 days</b>		<b>259.8 days</b>
INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS		MISCELLANEOUS				TOTAL	
	Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition		Number of Dispositions	Average Time from Filing to Disposition		Average Time From Filing to Disposition
New Castle County	1,049	96.1 days		2,053	55.1 days		819.4 days
Kent County	94	233.7 days		292	84.6 days		254.9 days
Sussex County	4	2,244.8 days		395	54.6 days		178.8 days
<b>State</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>114.9 days</b>		<b>2,740</b>	<b>58.2 days</b>		<b>689.3 days</b>

\* Trial time is the total time spent in all trials

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Complaints - Method of Disposition											
	Trial		Arbitrator's Order		Default Judgment		Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total
New Castle County	67	1.4%	513	11.0%	114	2.4%	2,042	43.6%	1,945	41.6%	4,681
Kent County	12	2.1%	33	5.7%	17	2.9%	440	75.5%	81	13.9%	583
Sussex County	20	5.0%	38	9.6%	27	6.8%	239	60.2%	73	18.4%	397
<b>State</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>10.3%</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>2,721</b>	<b>48.1%</b>	<b>2099</b>	<b>37.1%</b>	<b>5,661</b>

Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Complaints - Elapsed Time						
Average Time From Filing to Disposition						
	Trial	Arbitrator's Order	Default Judgment	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Total
New Castle County	852.0 days	333.0 days	214.5 days	415.5 days	3227.4 days	1576.2 days
Kent County	947.3 days	310.0 days	215.9 days	387.7 days	431.1 days	398.0 days
Sussex County	477.8 days	293.5 days	145.6 days	347.9 days	312.0 days	328.9 days
<b>State</b>	<b>759.0 days</b>	<b>312.2 days</b>	<b>192.0 days</b>	<b>383.7 days</b>	<b>1323.5 days</b>	<b>767.7 days</b>

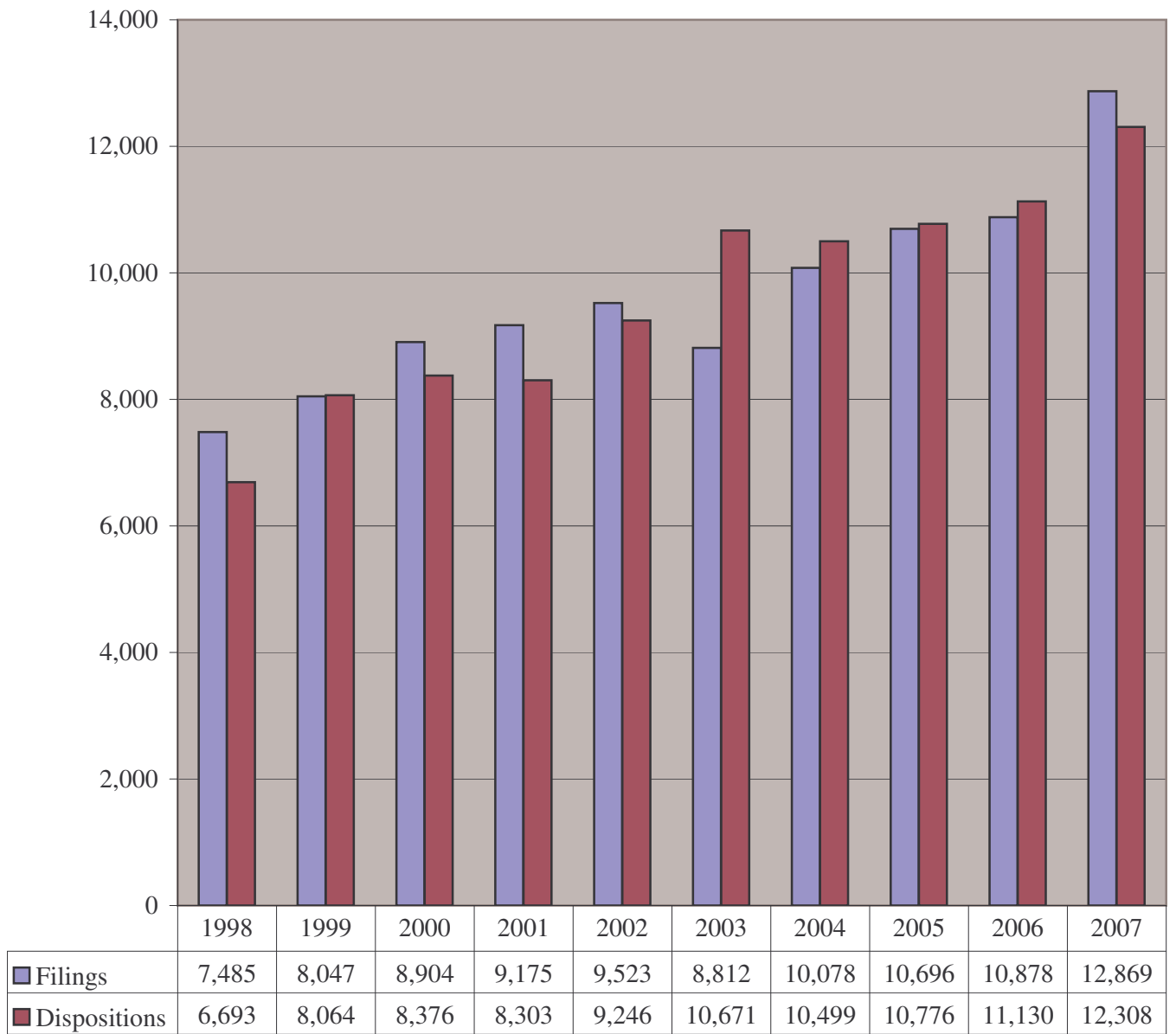
Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages - Method of Disposition											
	Trial		Arbitrator's Order		Default Judgment		Voluntary Dismissal		Other		Total
New Castle County	0	0.0%	2	0.1%	931	53.4%	617	35.4%	194	11.1%	1,744
Kent County	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	213	61.4%	122	35.2%	12	3.5%	347
Sussex County	3	0.6%	1	0.2%	266	56.4%	169	35.8%	33	7.0%	472
<b>State</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>1,410</b>	<b>55.0%</b>	<b>908</b>	<b>35.4%</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>2,563</b>

Performance Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Mechanic's Liens and Mortgages - Elapsed Time						
Average Time From Filing to Disposition						
	Trial	Arbitrator's Order	Default Judgment	Voluntary Dismissal	Other	Total
New Castle County	0.0 days	401.0 days	97.8 days	147.4 days	503.2 days	160.8 days
Kent County	0.0 days	0.0 days	135.3 days	167.1 days	655.8 days	164.5 days
Sussex County	658.3 days	294.0 days	86.1 days	177.4 days	258.6 days	134.9 days
<b>State</b>	<b>658.3 days</b>	<b>365.3 days</b>	<b>101.2 days</b>	<b>155.6 days</b>	<b>477.1 days</b>	<b>156.5 days</b>

Source: Prothonotary's Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts



### Superior Court Civil 10 Year Caseload Trend



**Fiscal Year**

## SUPERIOR COURT

### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Rule 16.1 ADR Filings

	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,786	2,761	-25	-0.9%
Kent County	427	424	-3	-0.7%
Sussex County	263	268	5	1.9%
<b>State</b>	<b>3,476</b>	<b>3,453</b>	<b>-23</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>

### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Rule 16.1 ADR Dispositions

	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,744	2,713	-31	-1.1%
Kent County	473	448	-25	-5.3%
Sussex County	327	273	-54	-16.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>3,544</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>-110</b>	<b>-3.1%</b>

Source: ADR Unit, Superior Court

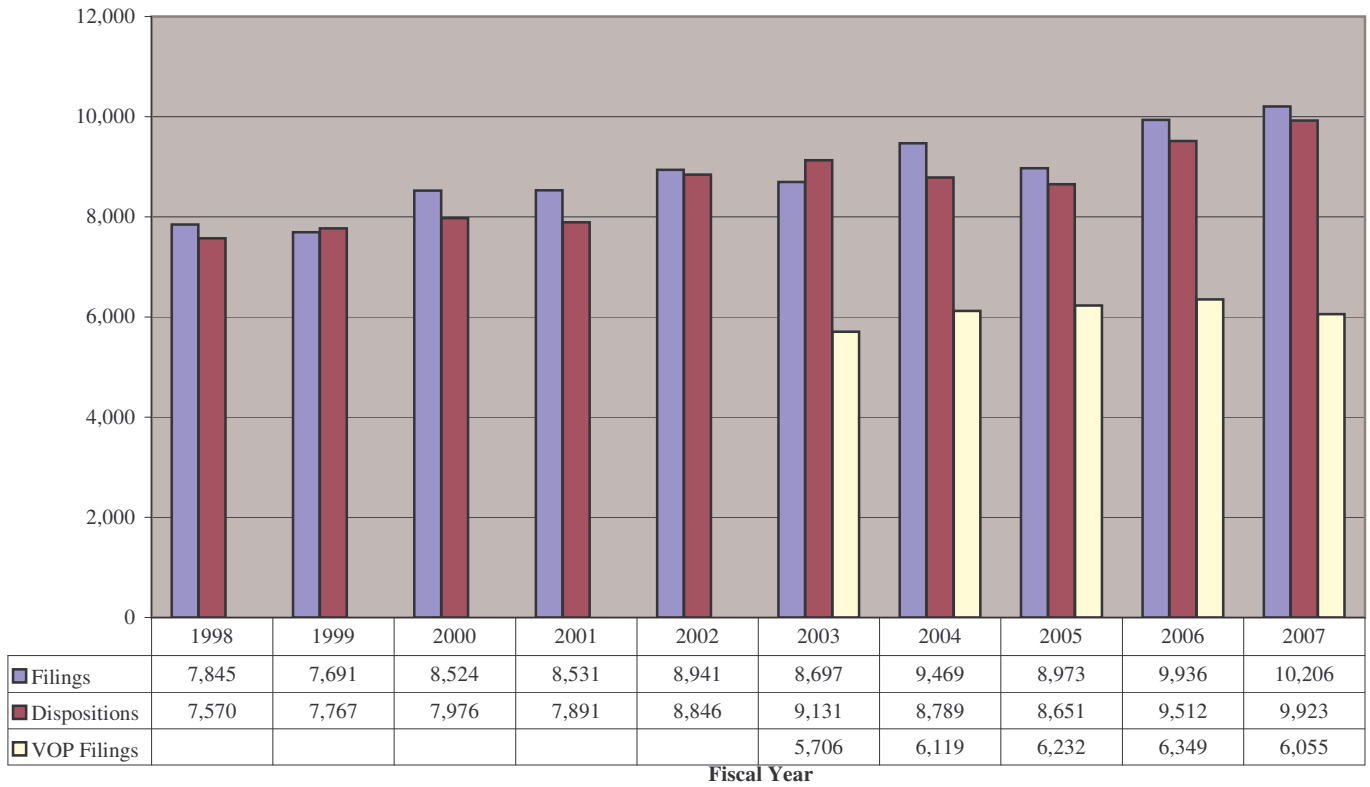
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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Criminal Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,506	5,718	212	3.9%
Kent County	2,413	2,258	-155	-6.4%
Sussex County	2,017	2,230	213	10.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>9,936</b>	<b>10,206</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Criminal Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,280	5,711	431	8.2%
Kent County	2,324	2,211	-113	-4.9%
Sussex County	1,908	2,001	93	4.9%
<b>State</b>	<b>9,512</b>	<b>9,923</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>4.3%</b>

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Superior Court Criminal 10-Year Caseload Trend**



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## SUPERIOR COURT

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Filings									
	Indictment		Rule 9 Warrant		Information		Other*		Total
New Castle County	5,092	89.1%	472	8.3%	143	2.5%	11	0.2%	5,718
Kent County	2,070	91.7%	80	3.5%	103	4.6%	5	0.2%	2,258
Sussex County	737	33.0%	351	15.7%	1,142	51.2%	0	0.0%	2,230
<b>State</b>	<b>7,899</b>	<b>77.4%</b>	<b>903</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>13.6%</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>10,206</b>

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Dispositions									
	Trial		Guilty Plea		Nolle Prosequi		Remand/Transfer		ADRR***
New Castle County	179	3.1%	3,684	64.5%	756	13.2%	6	0.1%	0
Kent County	37	1.7%	1,501	67.9%	301	13.6%	28	1.3%	0
Sussex County	38	1.9%	1,416	70.8%	268	13.4%	40	2.0%	1
<b>State</b>	<b>254</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>6,601</b>	<b>66.5%</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>13.4%</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1</b>

Caseload Breakdowns - Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Dispositions (cont.)									
	Dismissal		FOP/Drug Court**		Consolidation				Total
New Castle County	330	5.8%	531	9.3%	225	3.9%			5,711
Kent County	76	3.4%	159	7.2%	109	4.9%			2,211
Sussex County	16	0.8%	54	2.7%	168	8.4%			2,001
<b>State</b>	<b>422</b>	<b>4.3%</b>	<b>744</b>	<b>7.5%</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>5.1%</b>			<b>9,923</b>

\* Includes appeals, transfers, reinstatements and severances.

\*\* FOP = First Offender Program

\*\*\* ADRR = Appeal Dismissed Record Remanded

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## SUPERIOR COURT

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Trials - Part One								
	Jury Trial			Non-Jury Trial			Total	
New Castle County	188	88.3%		25	11.7%		213	100.0%
Kent County	35	94.6%		2	5.4%		37	100.0%
Sussex County	34	89.5%		4	10.5%		38	100.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>89.2%</b>		<b>31</b>	<b>10.8%</b>		<b>288</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
	Guilty		Not Guilty*		No Final Disposition**		Total	
New Castle County	134	62.9%	45	21.1%	34	16.0%	213	100.0%
Kent County	26	70.3%	5	13.5%	6	16.2%	37	100.0%
Sussex County	1	100.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	100.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>64.1%</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15.9%</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Trials - Part Two								
Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO***	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty At Trial	Nol Pros/ Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Total
New Castle County	89	15	34	7	9	8	26	188
Kent County	13	6	2	6	2	6	0	35
Sussex County	19	5	4	3	2	1	0	34
<b>State</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>257</b>
Non-Jury Trial								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO***	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty	Nol Pros/ Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial		Total
New Castle County	16	5	1	2	1	0		25
Kent County	1	0	1	0	0	0		2
Sussex County	3	1	0	0	0	0		4
<b>State</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>31</b>
All Trials								
	Guilty	Guilty LIO***	Not Guilty	Pled Guilty at Trial	Nol Pros/ Dismissed at Trial	Mistrial	Hung Jury	Total
New Castle County	105	20	35	9	10	8	26	213
Kent County	14	6	3	6	2	6	0	37
Sussex County	22	6	4	3	2	1	0	38
<b>State</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>288</b>

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Nolle Prosequis						
	Nolle Prosequis By Special Condition		Nolle Prosequis By Merit		Total	
New Castle County	268	35.4%	488	64.6%	756	100.0%
Kent County	217	72.1%	84	27.9%	301	100.0%
Sussex County	78	29.1%	190	70.9%	268	100.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>42.5%</b>	<b>762</b>	<b>57.5%</b>	<b>1,325</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*Includes Dismissals at Trial and Nolle Prosequis at Trial

\*\*Hung Juries, Mistrials, and Reserved Decisions

\*\*\*LIO = Lesser Included Offense

Nol Pros = Nolle Prosequi

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## SUPERIOR COURT

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Felony Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	2,026	90.3%	217	9.7%	2,243	100.0%
Kent County	881	87.8%	122	12.2%	1,003	100.0%
Sussex County	840	85.0%	148	15.0%	988	100.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>3,747</b>	<b>88.5%</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>11.5%</b>	<b>4,234</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Misdemeanor Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	732	50.8%	709	49.2%	1,441	100.0%
Kent County	232	46.6%	266	53.4%	498	100.0%
Sussex County	323	75.5%	105	24.5%	428	100.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>1,287</b>	<b>54.4%</b>	<b>1,080</b>	<b>45.6%</b>	<b>2,367</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Types of Dispositions Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Total Guilty Pleas						
	Pled Guilty Original		Pled Guilty Lesser		Total	
New Castle County	2,758	74.9%	926	25.1%	3,684	100.0%
Kent County	1,113	74.2%	388	25.8%	1,501	100.0%
Sussex County	1,163	82.1%	253	17.9%	1,416	100.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>5,034</b>	<b>76.3%</b>	<b>1,567</b>	<b>23.7%</b>	<b>6,601</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Office, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## SUPERIOR COURT

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Cases - Elapsed Time			
	Total Number of Cases Disposed of	Average Time from Arrest to Disposition	Average Time from Indictment to Disposition
New Castle County	5,711	159.2 days	110.0 days
Kent County	2,211	145.8 days	103.7 days
Sussex County	2,001	128.9 days	89.4 days
<b>State</b>	<b>9,923</b>	<b>144.6 days</b>	<b>101.0 days</b>

Performance Summary Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal Cases - Compliance With Speedy Trial Standards							
	Total Number of Cases Disposed of	Disposed of within 120 Days of Indictment (90%)		Disposed of within 180 Days of Indictment (98%)		Disposed of within 365 Days of Indictment (100%)	
New Castle County	5,711	3,745	65.6%	5,051	88.4%	5,588	97.8%
Kent County	2,211	1,574	71.2%	1,915	86.6%	2,177	98.5%
Sussex County	2,001	1,631	81.5%	1,866	93.3%	1,997	99.8%
<b>State</b>	<b>9,923</b>	<b>6,950</b>	<b>70.0%</b>	<b>8,832</b>	<b>89.0%</b>	<b>9,762</b>	<b>98.4%</b>

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- The performance summary charts measure the average time from the date of arrest to the date of disposition as well as the average time from the date of indictment/information to the date of disposition.
- In measuring the elapsed time for defendants for the purpose of determining the rate of compliance with the speedy trial standards, the following are excluded by the Court:
  - For all capiases, the time between the date that the capias is issued and the date that it is executed.
  - For all Rule 9 summonses and Rule 9 warrants, the time between the arrest and the indictment/information, if any.
  - For all nolle prosequis, the time between the scheduled trial date and the actual filing date of the nolle prosequis.
  - For all mental examinations, the time between the date that the examination is ordered and the date of the receipt of the results.
  - For all defendants deemed to be incompetent, the period in which the defendant is considered incompetent.

Source: Court Administrator and Case Scheduling Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts



## SUPERIOR COURT

Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Criminal Cases				
Average Time From Arrest to Disposition				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	159.0 days	159.2 days	0.2 days	0.1%
Kent County	143.5 days	145.8 days	2.3 days	1.6%
Sussex County	116.7 days	128.9 days	12.2 days	10.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>139.8 days</b>	<b>144.6 days</b>	<b>4.8 days</b>	<b>3.4%</b>

Performance Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Criminal Cases				
Average Time From Indictment to Disposition				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	119.4 days	110.0 days	-9.4 days	-7.9%
Kent County	95.3 days	103.7 days	8.4 days	8.8%
Sussex County	72.4 days	89.4 days	17.0 days	23.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>95.7 days</b>	<b>101.0 days</b>	<b>5.3 days</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

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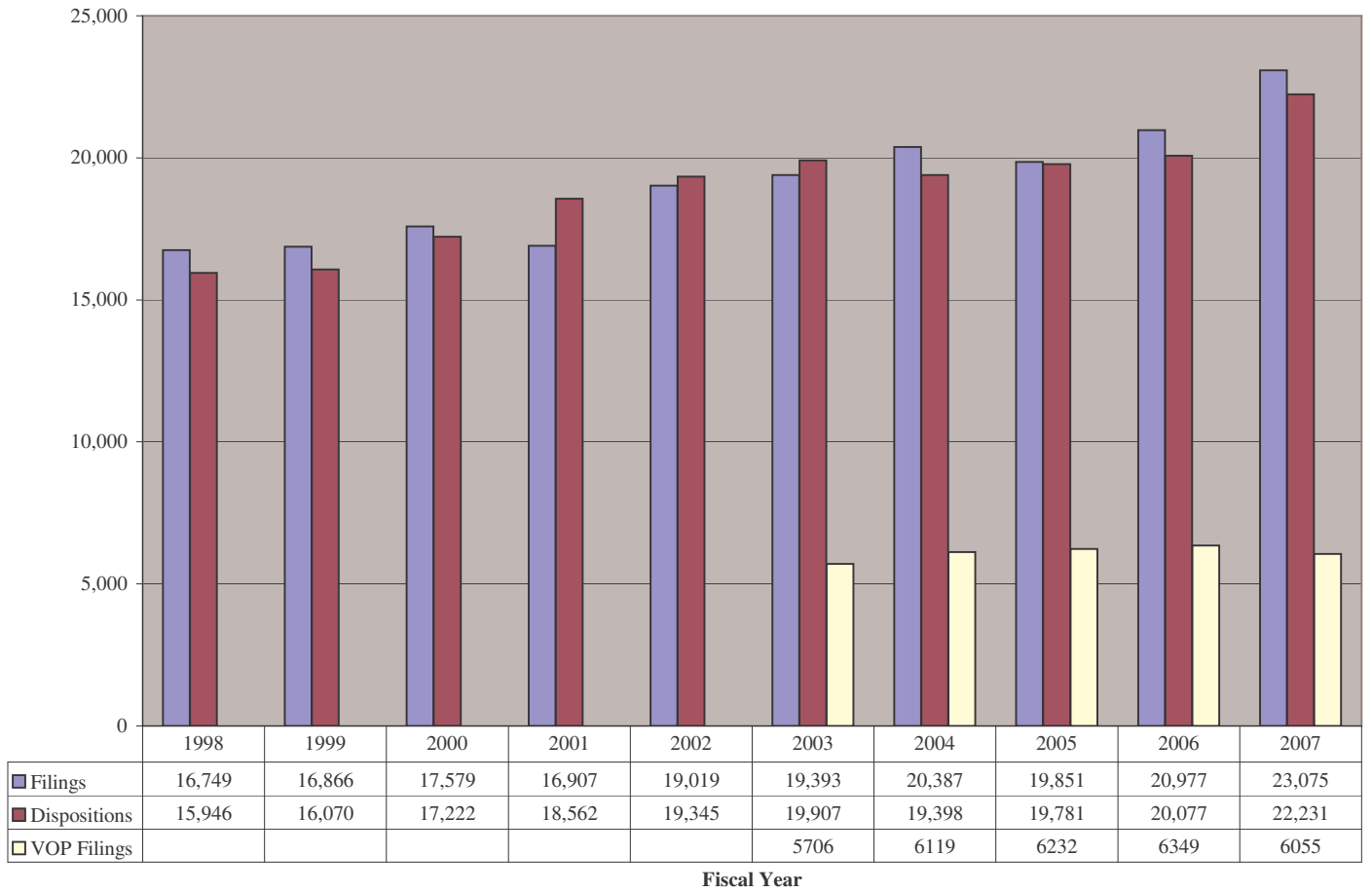
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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	13,988	15,541	1553	11.1%
Kent County	3,760	3,891	131	3.5%
Sussex County	3,229	3,643	414	12.8%
<b>State</b>	<b>20,977</b>	<b>23,075</b>	<b>2098</b>	<b>10.0%</b>

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	13,327	15,357	2030	15.2%
Kent County	3,596	3,574	-22	-0.6%
Sussex County	3,154	3,300	146	4.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>20,077</b>	<b>22,231</b>	<b>2154</b>	<b>10.7%</b>

Source: Court Administrator, Prothonotaries Offices, and Case Scheduling Offices, Superior Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

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Caseload Summary Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Adult Criminal Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,787	3,642	855	30.7%
Kent County	760	875	115	15.1%
Sussex County	743	793	50	6.7%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,290</b>	<b>5,310</b>	<b>1020</b>	<b>23.8%</b>

Caseload Summary Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Adult Criminal Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	2,770	3,474	704	25.4%
Kent County	799	868	69	8.6%
Sussex County	745	831	86	11.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>4,314</b>	<b>5,173</b>	<b>859</b>	<b>19.9%</b>

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## FAMILY COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	23,272	24,124	852	3.7%
Kent County	8,827	8,986	159	1.8%
Sussex County	10,307	10,374	67	0.7%
<b>State</b>	<b>42,406</b>	<b>43,484</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	23,753	23,851	98	0.4%
Kent County	9,422	8,911	-511	-5.4%
Sussex County	10,247	10,340	93	0.9%
<b>State</b>	<b>43,422</b>	<b>43,102</b>	<b>-320</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

# **FAMILY COURT**

Caseload Breakdown Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Case Filings												
	Divorces and Annulments		RTSC/Other Civil Contempts		New Non-Support		Support Arrearages		Support Modifications		Custody	
New Castle County	2,056	8.5%	711	2.9%	4,945	20.5%	4,506	18.7%	2,063	8.6%	2,200	9.1%
Kent County	817	9.1%	218	2.4%	1,767	19.7%	1,800	20.0%	660	7.3%	847	9.4%
Sussex County	824	7.9%	149	1.4%	1,870	18.0%	2,925	28.2%	799	7.7%	799	7.7%
State	3,697	8.5%	1,078	2.5%	8,582	19.7%	9,231	21.2%	3,522	8.1%	3,846	8.8%
	Visitation		Protection From Abuse		Adoptions		Termination of Parental Rights		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	498	2.1%	2,029	8.4%	157	0.7%	129	0.5%	4,830	20.0%	24,124	100%
Kent County	206	2.3%	791	8.8%	53	0.6%	42	0.5%	1,785	19.9%	8,986	100%
Sussex County	159	1.5%	828	8.0%	41	0.4%	39	0.4%	1,941	18.7%	10,374	100%
State	863	2.0%	3,648	8.4%	251	0.6%	210	0.5%	8,556	19.7%	43,484	100%
Caseload Breakdown Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Case Dispositions												
	Divorces and Annulments		RTSC/Other Civil Contempts		New Non-Support		Support Arrearages		Support Modifications		Custody	
New Castle County	2,053	8.6%	752	3.2%	4,924	20.6%	4,553	19.1%	2,142	9.0%	2,313	9.7%
Kent County	788	8.8%	214	2.4%	1,735	19.5%	1,689	19.0%	664	7.5%	874	9.8%
Sussex County	825	8.0%	210	2.0%	1,927	18.6%	2,469	23.9%	886	8.6%	799	7.7%
State	3,666	8.5%	1,176	2.7%	8,586	19.9%	8,711	20.2%	3,692	8.6%	3,986	9.2%
	Visitation		Protection From Abuse		Adoptions		Termination of Parental Rights		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County	527	2.2%	2,025	8.5%	150	0.6%	101	0.4%	4,311	18.1%	23,851	100%
Kent County	202	2.3%	787	8.8%	51	0.6%	27	0.3%	1,880	21.1%	8,911	100%
Sussex County	195	1.9%	875	8.5%	47	0.5%	28	0.3%	2,079	20.1%	10,340	100%
State	924	2.1%	3,687	8.6%	248	0.6%	156	0.4%	8,270	19.2%	43,102	100%

RTSC = Rules to Show Cause

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## FAMILY COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,418	5,311	-107	-2.0%
Kent County	1,950	1,864	-86	-4.4%
Sussex County	1,998	1,703	-295	-14.8%
<b>State</b>	<b>9,366</b>	<b>8,878</b>	<b>-488</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	6,458	4,146	-2,312	-35.8%
Kent County	2,023	1,831	-192	-9.5%
Sussex County	2,018	1,668	-350	-17.3%
<b>State</b>	<b>10,499</b>	<b>7,645</b>	<b>-2,854</b>	<b>-27.2%</b>

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts



## FAMILY COURT

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Filings								
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic		Total	
New Castle County	1,114	21.0%	3,767	70.9%	430	8.1%	5,311	100%
Kent County	365	19.6%	1,345	72.2%	154	8.3%	1,864	100%
Sussex County	276	16.2%	1,262	74.1%	165	9.7%	1,703	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>1,755</b>	<b>19.8%</b>	<b>6,374</b>	<b>71.8%</b>	<b>749</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>8,878</b>	<b>100%</b>

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Juvenile Delinquency Case Dispositions								
	Felony		Misdemeanor		Traffic		Total	
New Castle County	851	20.5%	2,986	72.0%	309	7.5%	4,146	100%
Kent County	325	17.7%	1,346	73.5%	160	8.7%	1,831	100%
Sussex County	315	18.9%	1,198	71.8%	155	9.3%	1,668	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>1,491</b>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>5,530</b>	<b>72.3%</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>7,645</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## FAMILY COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Mediation Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	8,909	9,147	238	2.7%
Kent County	3,092	2,577	-515	-16.7%
Sussex County	3,739	3,350	-389	-10.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>15,740</b>	<b>15,074</b>	<b>-666</b>	<b>-4.2%</b>

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Mediation Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	9,706	9,159	-547	-5.6%
Kent County	3,122	2,572	-550	-17.6%
Sussex County	3,643	3,464	-179	-4.9%
<b>State</b>	<b>16,471</b>	<b>15,195</b>	<b>-1,276</b>	<b>-7.7%</b>

### Mediation Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2007

1. Mediation is a process prior to adjudication in which a trained mediator attempts to assist the parties in reaching an agreement in disputes which involve child custody, support, visitation, guardianships, imperiling family relations, and rules to show cause. Mediation is mandatory in child custody, visitation, and support matters.
2. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, the matter is scheduled to be heard before a commissioner or a judge.

Note: Mediation data was reported as Arbitration data in previous fiscal years.

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## FAMILY COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	31,477	33,077	1,600	5.1%
Kent County	11,537	11,725	188	1.6%
Sussex County	13,048	12,870	-178	-1.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>56,062</b>	<b>57,672</b>	<b>1,610</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

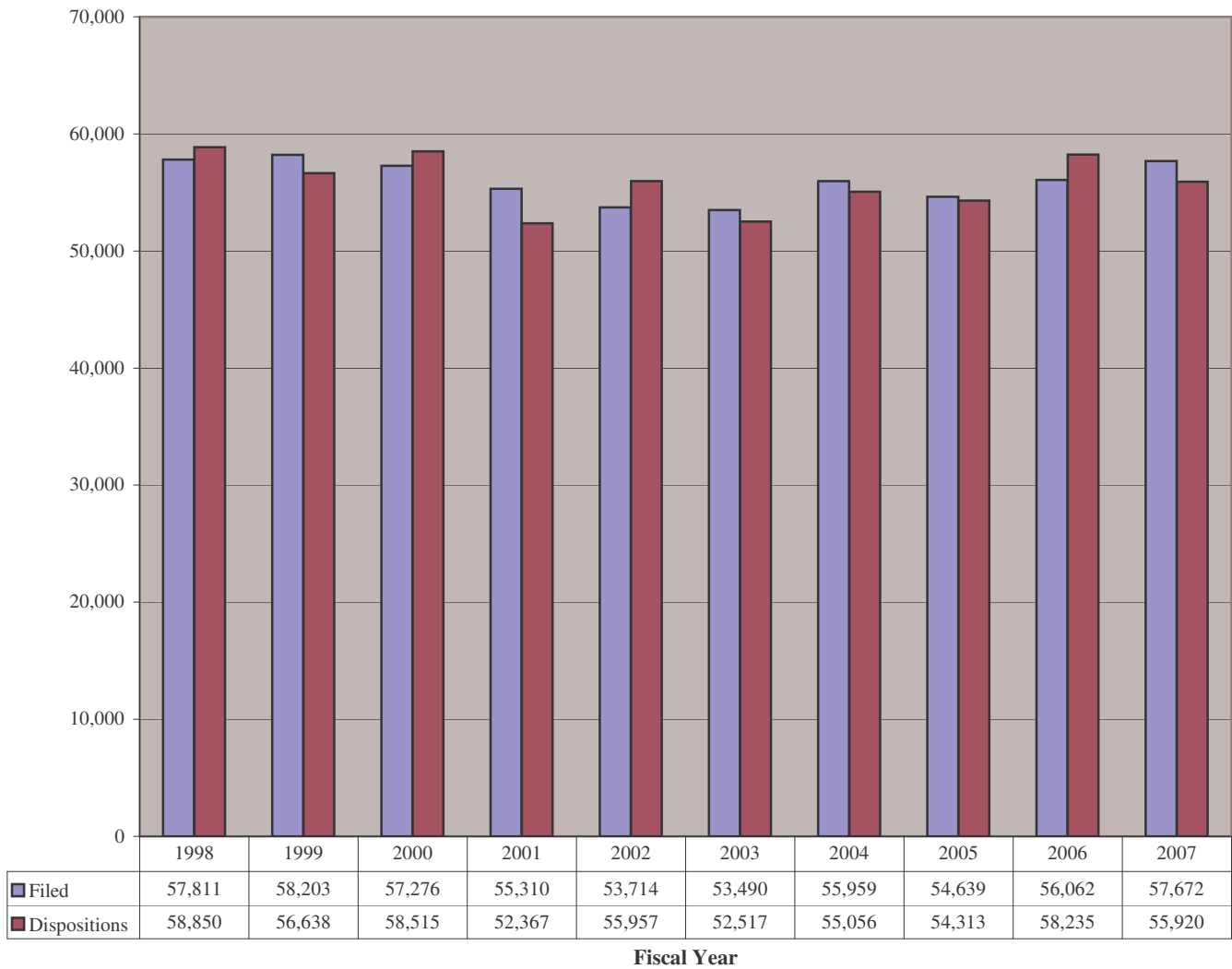
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	32,981	31,471	-1,510	-4.6%
Kent County	12,244	11,610	-634	-5.2%
Sussex County	13,010	12,839	-171	-1.3%
<b>State</b>	<b>58,235</b>	<b>55,920</b>	<b>-2,315</b>	<b>-4.0%</b>

### Total Cases Explanatory Notes Fiscal Year 2007

1. The unit of count in Family Court for adult criminal, juvenile delinquency, and civil cases is the filing.
2. A criminal or delinquency filing is defined as one incident filed against one individual. Each incident is counted separately so that multiple incidents brought before the Court on a single individual are counted as multiple charges.
  - a. A single criminal or delinquency filing may be comprised of a single or multiple charges relating to a single incident.
  - b. A criminal filing is received by the Court in the form of an information or a complaint, and a delinquency filing is received by the Court in the form of a petition or a complaint.
3. A civil filing is defined as a single civil incident filed with Family Court. A civil incident is initiated by a petition. In a divorce, although the petition may contain multiple ancillary matters to the divorce, it is counted as one filing.

Source: Court Administrator, Family Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Family Court 10-Year Total Caseload Trend**



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# **COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

<b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2006-2007 - Civil Case Filings</b>				
	2006	2,007	Change	%Change
New Castle County	6,500	7,069	569	8.8%
Kent County	1,551	2,002	451	29.1%
Sussex County	1,799	2,349	550	30.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>9,850</b>	<b>11,420</b>	<b>1570</b>	<b>15.9%</b>

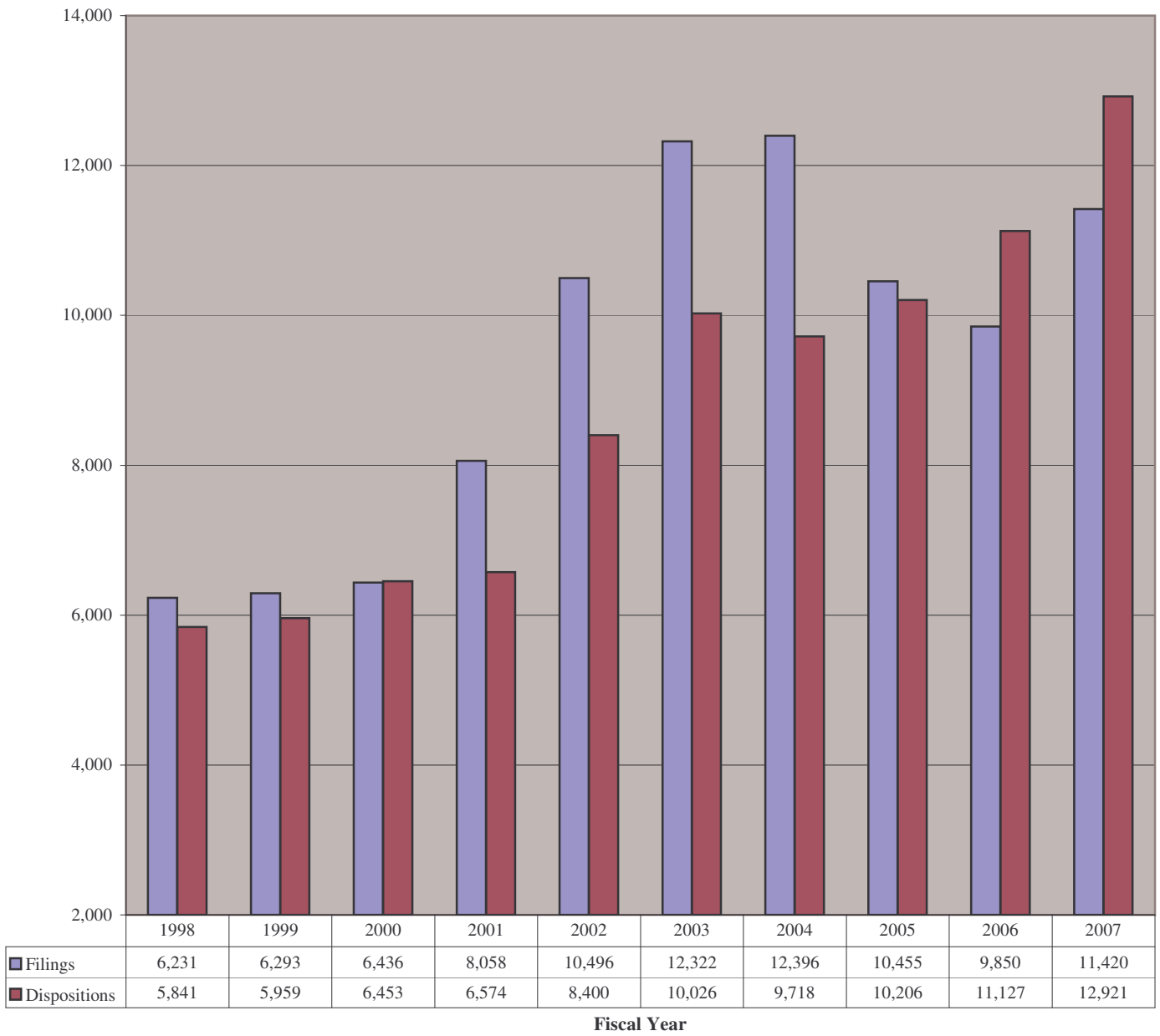
<b>Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2006-2007 - Civil Case Dispositions</b>				
	2006	2,007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	7,779	9,038	1259	16.2%
Kent County	1,418	1,732	314	22.1%
Sussex County	1,930	2,151	221	11.5%
<b>State</b>	<b>11,127</b>	<b>12,921</b>	<b>1794</b>	<b>16.1%</b>

<b>Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Case Filings</b>						
	Complaints		Civil Judgments, Name Changes, Appeals		Total	
New Castle County	6,594	93.3%	475	6.7%	7,069	100%
Kent County	1,846	92.2%	156	7.8%	2,002	100%
Sussex County	2,213	94.2%	136	5.8%	2,349	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>10,653</b>	<b>93.3%</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>6.7%</b>	<b>11,420</b>	<b>100%</b>

<b>Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Case Dispositions</b>						
	Court Action		Counsel Action		Total	
New Castle County	4,076	45.1%	4,962	54.9%	9,038	100%
Kent County	434	25.1%	1,298	74.9%	1,732	100%
Sussex County	648	30.1%	1,503	69.9%	2,151	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>5,158</b>	<b>39.9%</b>	<b>7,763</b>	<b>60.1%</b>	<b>12,921</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Court Administrator, Court of Common Pleas; Administrative Office of the Courts

### Court of Common Pleas 10-Year Civil Caseload Trend



## COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2006-2007 - Criminal Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	44,978	52,437	7,459	16.6%
Kent County	20,112	21,471	1,359	6.8%
Sussex County	25,874	25,437	-437	-1.7%
<b>State</b>	<b>90,964</b>	<b>99,345</b>	<b>8,381</b>	<b>9.2%</b>

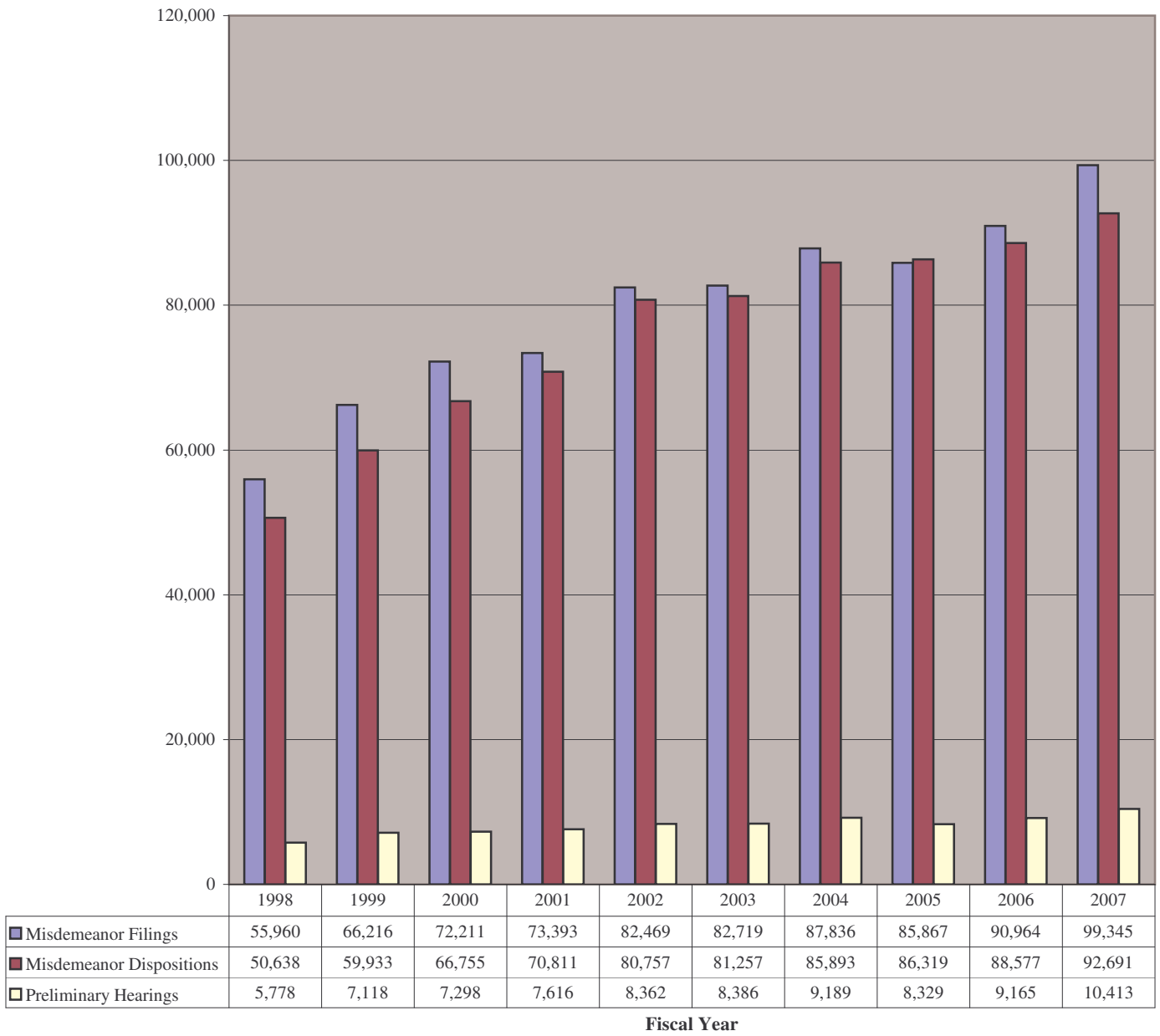
Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2006-2007 - Criminal Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	43,062	46,689	3,627	8.4%
Kent County	20,207	20,758	551	2.7%
Sussex County	25,308	25,244	-64	-0.3%
<b>State</b>	<b>88,577</b>	<b>92,691</b>	<b>4,114</b>	<b>4.6%</b>

Caseload Summary Fiscal Year 2006-2007 - Criminal Case Preliminary Hearings Held				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	5,322	6,092	770	14.5%
Kent County	2,005	2,318	313	15.6%
Sussex County	1,838	2,003	165	9.0%
<b>State</b>	<b>9,165</b>	<b>10,413</b>	<b>1,248</b>	<b>13.6%</b>

Source: Court Administrator, Court of Common Pleas; Administrative Office of the Courts



### Court of Common Pleas 10-Year Criminal Caseload Trend



## COURT OF COMMON PLEAS

### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Filings

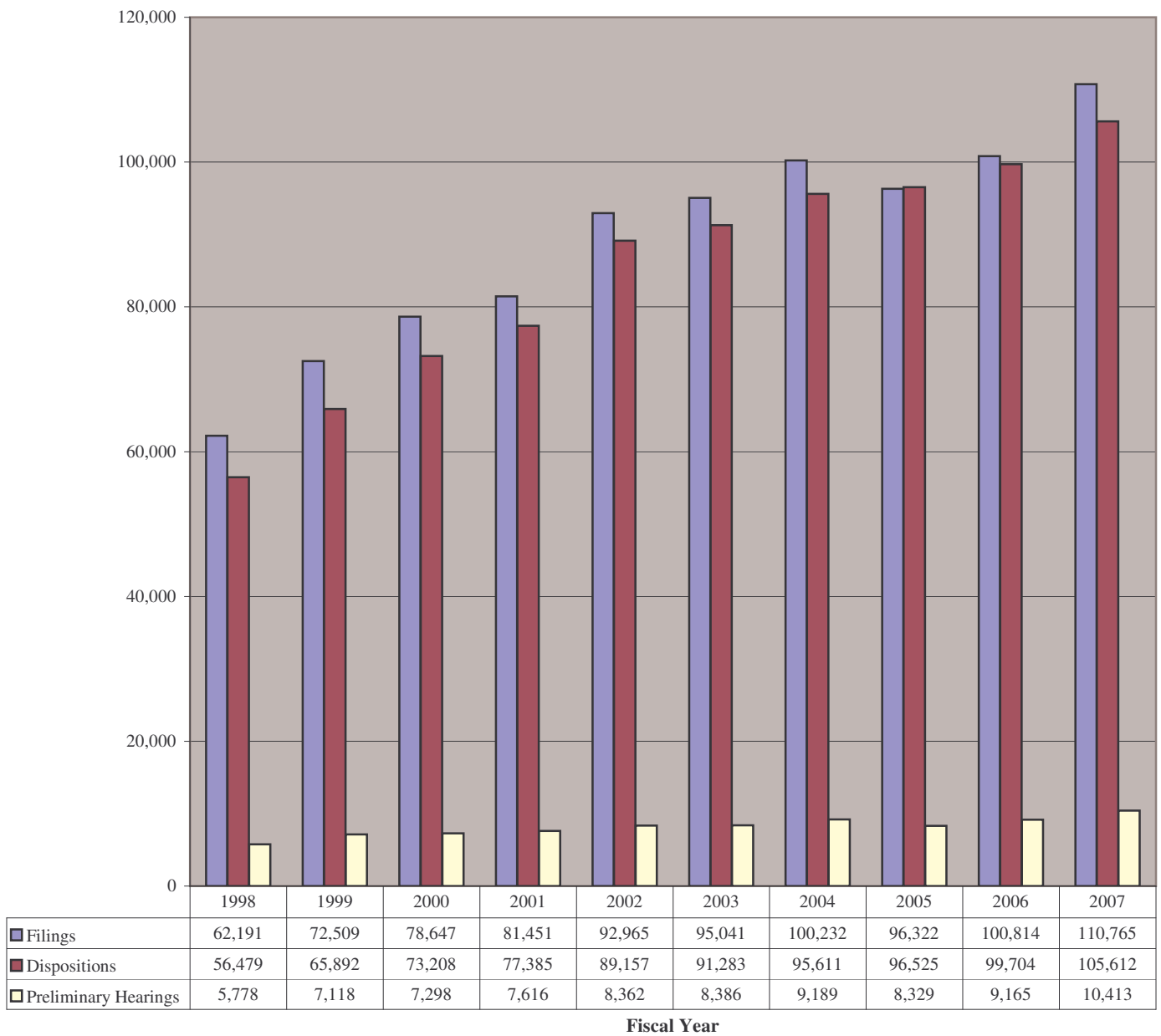
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	51,478	59,506	8028	15.6%
Kent County	21,663	23,473	1810	8.4%
Sussex County	27,673	27,786	113	0.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>100,814</b>	<b>110,765</b>	<b>9951</b>	<b>9.9%</b>

### Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Dispositions

	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County	50,841	55,727	4886	9.6%
Kent County	21,625	22,490	865	4.0%
Sussex County	27,238	27,395	157	0.6%
<b>State</b>	<b>99,704</b>	<b>105,612</b>	<b>5908</b>	<b>5.9%</b>

Source: Court Administrator, Court of Common Pleas; Administrative Office of the Courts

**Court of Common Pleas 10-Year Total Caseload Trend (Civil & Criminal)**



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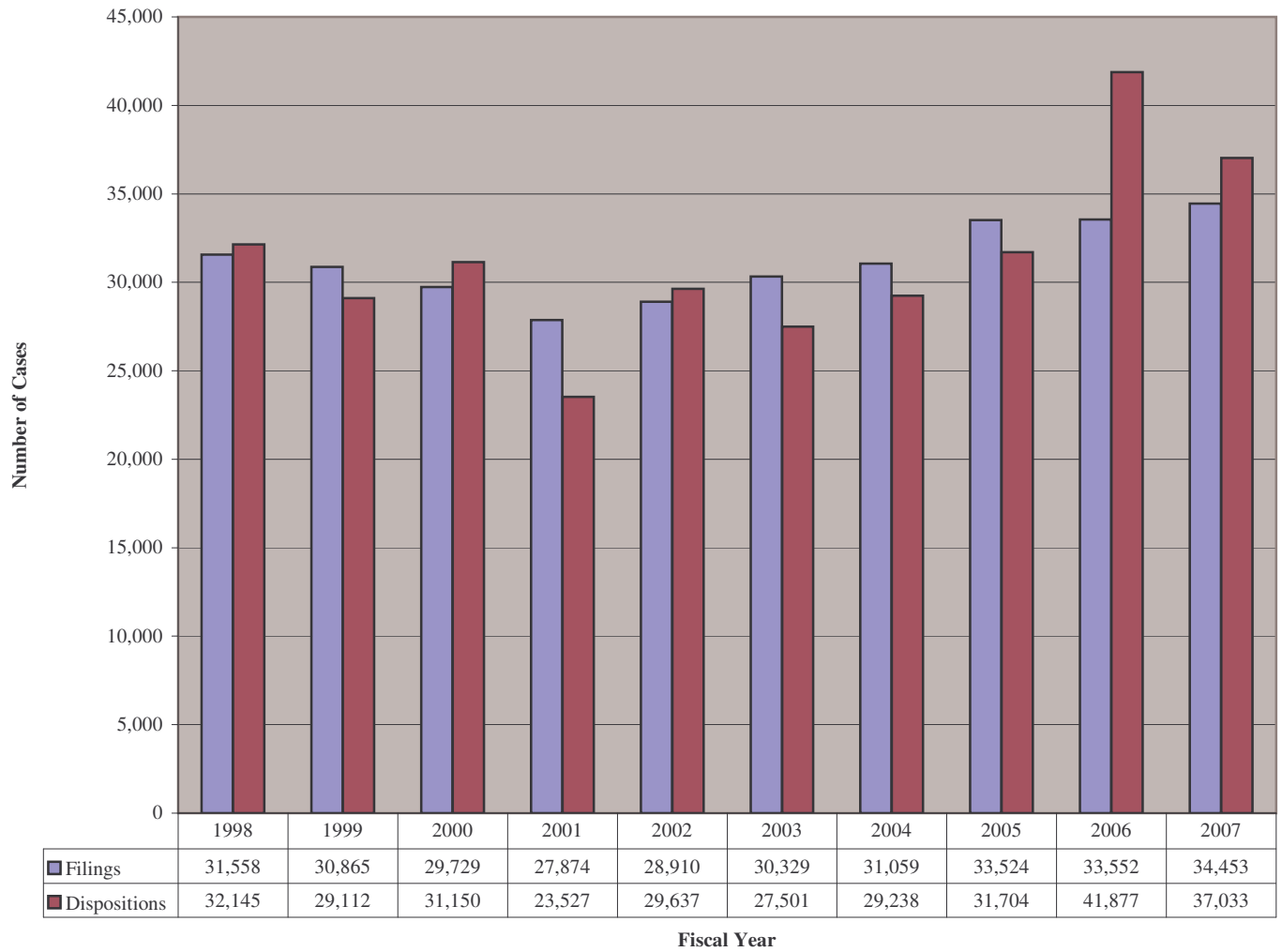
Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Case Filings				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County				
Court 9	1,097	996	-101	-9.2%
Court 12	11,199	10,992	-207	-1.8%
Court 13	10,193	10,603	410	4.0%
Kent County				
Court 16	5,940	6,689	749	12.6%
Sussex County				
Court 17	3,180	3,145	-35	-1.1%
Court 19	1,943	2,028	85	4.4%
<b>State</b>	<b>33,552</b>	<b>34,453</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Civil Case Dispositions				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County				
Court 9*	1,419	1,105	-314	-22.1%
Court 12	12,064	11,623	-441	-3.7%
Court 13*	15,289	11,367	-3,922	-25.7%
Kent County				
Court 16	7,562	7,262	-300	-4.0%
Sussex County				
Court 17	3,193	3,564	371	11.6%
Court 19	2,350	2,112	-238	-10.1%
<b>State</b>	<b>41,877</b>	<b>37,033</b>	<b>-4,844</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>

\* The significant % Change in civil dispositions for JP Court 9 and JP Court 13 reflects a one-time file maintenance initiative in FY2006.

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

### JP Court - 10 Year Civil Caseload Trend



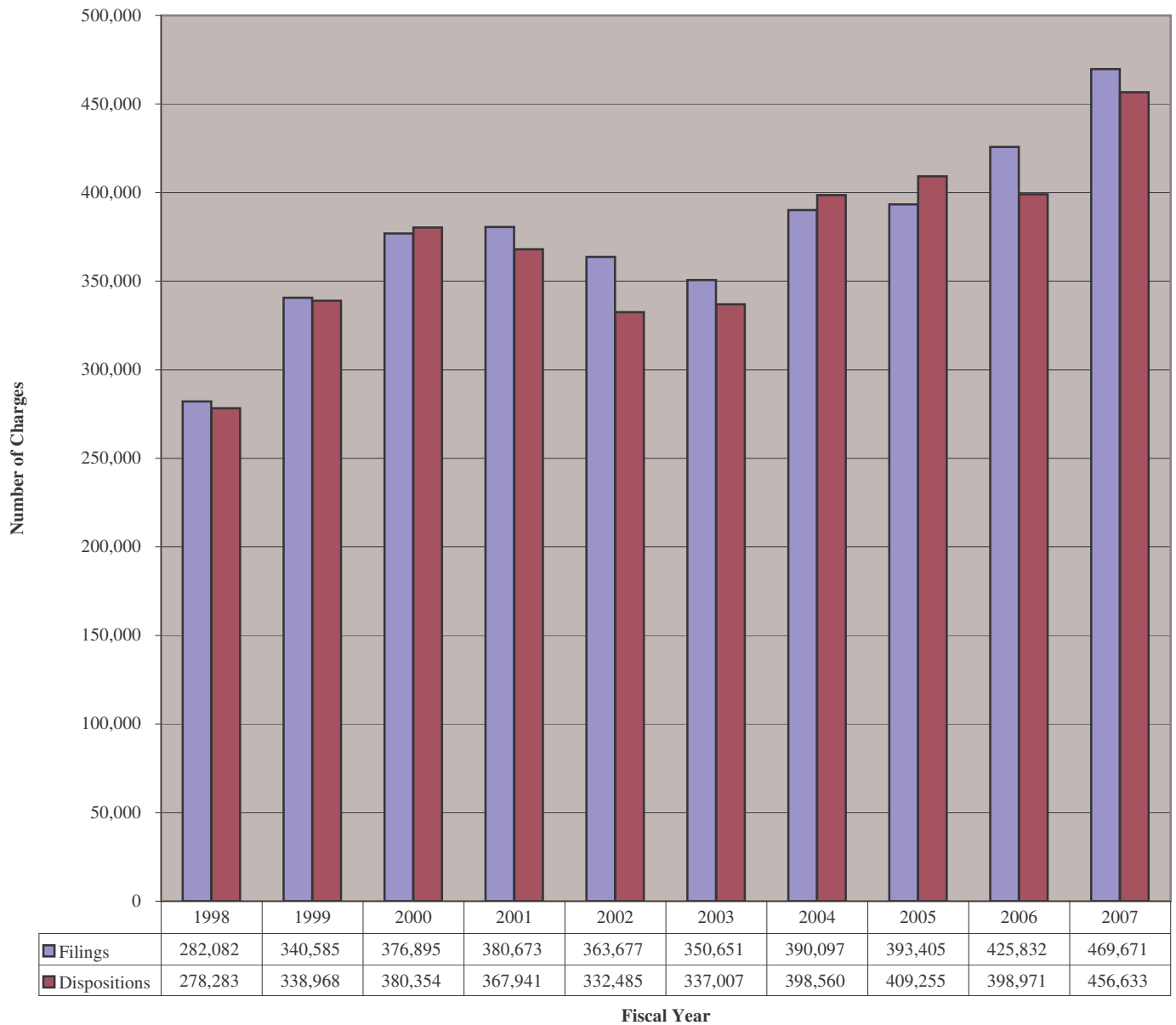
2005 Dispositions Amended

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Civil Case Filings						
	Complaints		Landlord/Tenant		Total	
New Castle County						
Court 9	600	60.2%	396	39.8%	996	100%
Court 12	4,220	38.4%	6,772	61.6%	10,992	100%
Court 13	5,911	55.7%	4,692	44.3%	10,603	100%
Kent County						
Court 16	3,707	55.4%	2,982	44.6%	6,689	100%
Sussex County						
Court 17	1,638	52.1%	1,507	47.9%	3,145	100%
Court 19	881	43.4%	1,147	56.6%	2,028	100%
<b>State</b>	<b>16,957</b>	<b>49.2%</b>	<b>17,496</b>	<b>50.8%</b>	<b>34,453</b>	<b>100%</b>

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

### JP Court - 10 Year Criminal and Traffic Caseload Trend



2004 Dispositions Amended



## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (defendants)									
	Title 7 - Fish/Game		Title 11 - Criminal		Title 21 - Traffic		Miscellaneous		Total
New Castle County									
Court 9	116	3.2%	104	2.8%	3,315	90.8%	117	3.2%	3,652 100%
Court 10	124	1.2%	633	6.3%	8,494	83.9%	868	8.6%	10,119 100%
Court 11	584	2.3%	6,709	26.4%	15,113	59.5%	2,995	11.8%	25,401 100%
Court 15	2	0.0%	513	8.2%	5,554	88.8%	186	3.0%	6,255 100%
Court 20	142	0.9%	5,206	32.1%	7,679	47.4%	3,169	19.6%	16,196 100%
Kent County									
Court 6	155	2.7%	263	4.5%	5,159	89.0%	222	3.8%	5,799 100%
Court 7	474	2.5%	4,555	23.6%	12,399	64.2%	1,895	9.8%	19,323 100%
Court 8	5	0.2%	94	3.8%	2,311	93.1%	71	2.9%	2,481 100%
Sussex County									
Court 1	74	2.5%	108	3.6%	2,325	77.9%	478	16.0%	2,985 100%
Court 2	445	2.9%	8,856	57.9%	4,747	31.1%	1,238	8.1%	15,286 100%
Court 3	461	3.7%	3,839	30.5%	6,964	55.2%	1,342	10.6%	12,606 100%
Court 4	11	0.2%	1,041	14.3%	5,987	82.0%	260	3.6%	7,299 100%
Court 14	0	0.0%	52	2.9%	1,681	94.2%	52	2.9%	1,785 100%
State without VAC*	2,593	2.0%	31,973	24.7%	81,728	63.3%	12,893	10.0%	129,187 100%
VAC*	317	0.2%	1	0.0%	153,359	99.7%	119	0.1%	153,796 100%
State with VAC*	2,910	1.0%	31,974	11.3%	235,087	83.1%	13,012	4.6%	282,983 100%

\* VAC = Voluntary Assessment Center

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

Caseload Breakdowns Fiscal Year 2007 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (charges)										
	Title 7 - Fish/Game		Title 11 - Criminal		Title 21 - Traffic		Miscellaneous		Total	
New Castle County										
Court 9	149	2.1%	156	2.2%	6,565	93.5%	151	2.2%	7,021	100%
Court 10	159	0.8%	926	4.7%	17,463	89.3%	1,018	5.2%	19,566	100%
Court 11	1,112	1.8%	15,024	24.2%	36,656	59.0%	9,320	15.0%	62,112	100%
Court 15	8	0.1%	923	7.2%	11,664	90.6%	281	2.2%	12,876	100%
Court 20	203	0.6%	10,373	30.7%	16,577	49.1%	6,608	19.6%	33,761	100%
Kent County										
Court 6	193	2.0%	414	4.3%	8,650	89.8%	374	3.9%	9,631	100%
Court 7	1,042	2.3%	14,925	32.9%	24,506	54.1%	4,847	10.7%	45,320	100%
Court 8	5	0.1%	194	4.0%	4,445	92.7%	153	3.2%	4,797	100%
Sussex County										
Court 1	121	2.3%	214	4.1%	4,337	83.7%	511	9.9%	5,183	100%
Court 2	539	1.2%	27,131	61.2%	12,315	27.8%	4,327	9.8%	44,312	100%
Court 3	1,057	2.7%	14,016	35.6%	20,391	51.8%	3,886	9.9%	39,350	100%
Court 4	15	0.1%	3,074	18.5%	12,894	77.7%	608	3.7%	16,591	100%
Court 14	3	0.1%	191	3.8%	4,709	94.2%	98	2.0%	5,001	100%
State without VAC*	4,606	1.5%	87,561	28.7%	181,172	59.3%	32,182	10.5%	305,521	100%
VAC*	320	0.2%	1	0.0%	163,689	99.7%	140	0.1%	164,150	100%
State with VAC*	4,926	1.0%	87,562	18.6%	344,861	73.4%	32,322	6.9%	469,671	100%

\* VAC = Voluntary Assessment Center

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (defendants)				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
New Castle County				
Court 9	3,099	3,652	553	17.8%
Court 10	10,933	10,119	-814	-7.4%
Court 11	22,630	25,401	2,771	12.2%
Court 15	5,856	6,255	399	6.8%
Court 20	15,424	16,196	772	5.0%
Kent County				
Court 6	4,671	5,799	1,128	24.1%
Court 7	18,008	19,323	1,315	7.3%
Court 8	2,078	2,481	403	19.4%
Sussex County				
Court 1	2,757	2,985	228	8.3%
Court 2	13,086	15,286	2,200	16.8%
Court 3	11,811	12,606	795	6.7%
Court 4	7,567	7,299	-268	-3.5%
Court 14	1,541	1,785	244	15.8%
State without VAC*	119,461	129,187	9,726	8.1%
VAC*	138,992	153,796	14,804	10.7%
<b>State with VAC*</b>	<b>258,453</b>	<b>282,983</b>	<b>24,530</b>	<b>9.5%</b>

VAC = Voluntary Assessment Center

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Criminal and Traffic Filings (charges)				
	2006	2007	Change	Change
New Castle County				
Court 9	5,875	7,021	1,146	19.5%
Court 10	20,956	19,566	-1,390	-6.6%
Court 11	55,980	62,112	6,132	11.0%
Court 15	12,246	12,876	630	5.1%
Court 20	32,627	33,761	1,134	3.5%
Kent County				
Court 6	8,088	9,631	1,543	19.1%
Court 7	39,803	45,320	5,517	13.9%
Court 8	4,307	4,797	490	11.4%
Sussex County				
Court 1	4,727	5,183	456	9.6%
Court 2	38,609	44,312	5,703	14.8%
Court 3	35,933	39,350	3,417	9.5%
Court 4	15,117	16,591	1,474	9.8%
Court 14	4,469	5,001	532	11.9%
State without VAC*	278,737	305,521	26784	9.6%
VAC*	147,095	164,150	17,055	11.6%
<b>State with VAC*</b>	<b>425,832</b>	<b>469,671</b>	<b>43,839</b>	<b>10.3%</b>

\* VAC = Voluntary Assessment Center

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

Court Rankings - Fiscal Year 2006-2007 - Total* Filings (charges)				
Rank w/o VAC	Total Filings		% of Total w/o VAC	
1	Court	11	62,112	18.3%
2	Court	7	45,320	13.3%
3	Court	2	44,312	13.0%
4	Court	3	39,350	11.6%
5	Court	20	33,761	9.9%
6	Court	10	19,566	5.8%
7	Court	4	16,591	4.9%
8	Court	15	12,876	3.8%
9	Court	12	10,992	3.2%
10	Court	13	10,603	3.1%
11	Court	6	9,631	2.8%
12	Court	9	8,017	2.4%
13	Court	16	6,689	2.0%
14	Court	1	5,183	1.5%
15	Court	14	5,001	1.5%
16	Court	8	4,797	1.4%
17	Court	17	3,145	0.9%
18	Court	19	2,028	0.6%
State w/o VAC			339,974	100.0%
VAC			164,150	
State w/ VAC			<b>504,124</b>	

\* Includes civil, criminal, and traffic

VAC = Voluntary Assessment Center

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

Court Rankings Fiscal Year 2006-2007 - Total Cases Filed (defendants)				
Rank w/o VAC		Total Filings		% of Total w/o VAC
1	Court 11	25,401		15.5%
2	Court 7	19,323		11.8%
3	Court 20	16,196		9.9%
4	Court 2	15,286		9.3%
5	Court 3	12,606		7.7%
6	Court 12	10,992		6.7%
8	Court 13	10,603		6.5%
7	Court 10	10,119		6.2%
9	Court 4	7,299		4.5%
10	Court 16	6,689		4.1%
11	Court 15	6,255		3.8%
12	Court 6	5,799		3.5%
13	Court 9	4,648		2.8%
14	Court 17	3,145		1.9%
15	Court 1	2,985		1.8%
16	Court 8	2,481		1.5%
17	Court 19	2,028		1.2%
18	Court 14	1,785		1.1%
State w/o VAC*		163,640		100%
VAC*		153,796		
State w/ VAC*		317,436		

\* VAC = Voluntary Assessment Center

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

## JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Cases Filed (charges)				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Criminal & Traffic	425,832	469,671	43,839	10.3%
Civil	33,552	34,453	901	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>459,384</b>	<b>504,124</b>	<b>44,740</b>	<b>9.7%</b>

Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Cases Disposed (charges)				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Criminal & Traffic	398,971	456,633	57,662	14.5%
Civil*	41,877	37,033	-4,844	-11.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>440,848</b>	<b>493,666</b>	<b>52,818</b>	<b>12.0%</b>

\* The decrease in dispositions reflects a one time file maintenance initiative in FY2006.

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts

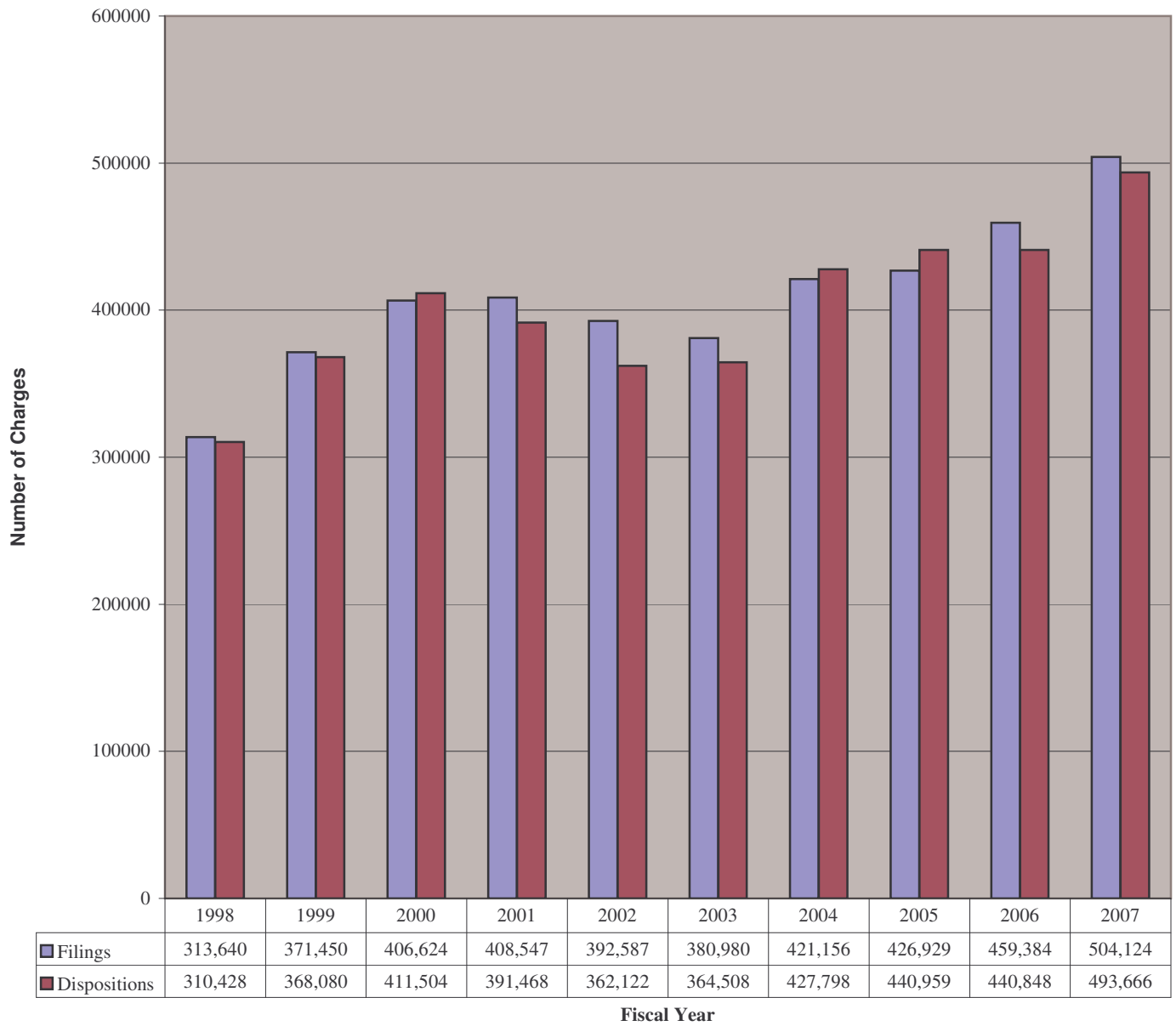
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Caseload Comparison - Fiscal Years 2006-2007 - Total Case Filings (defendants)				
	2006	2007	Change	% Change
Criminal & Traffic	258,453	282,983	24,530	9.5%
Civil	33,552	34,453	901	2.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>292,005</b>	<b>317,436</b>	<b>25,431</b>	<b>8.7%</b>

Source: Chief Magistrate's Office, Justice of the Peace Court; Administrative Office of the Courts



### JP Court - 10 Year Total Caseload Trend (Civil, Criminal & Traffic)



2003 Filings Amended

Criminal/Traffic filings are based on charges because data by defendants is not available for all years.